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Introduction

β -glucans are well known for their ability to modulate the piscine immune system. The discrepant effects of different origins and solubility of **β -glucans** on immune function possibly relates to factors as administration route, molecular weight and water solubility.

Results

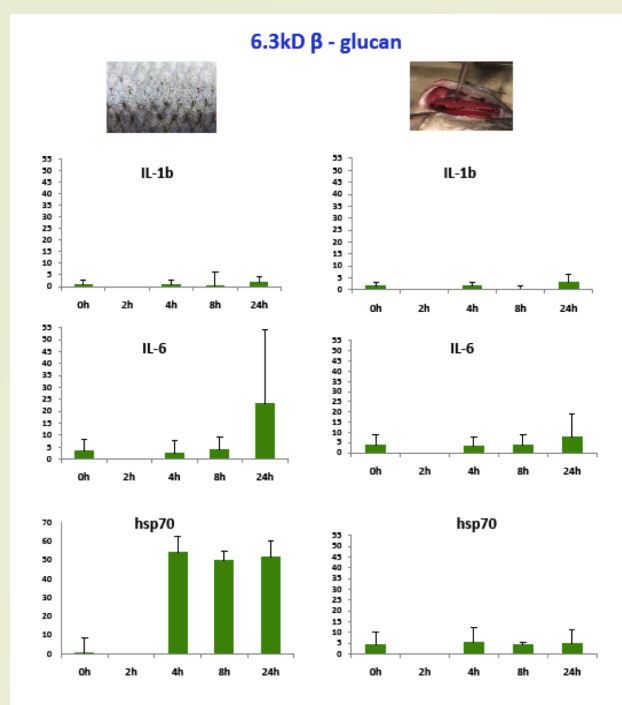


Fig. 1a Water - soluble unbranched 6.3kD β -glucan.

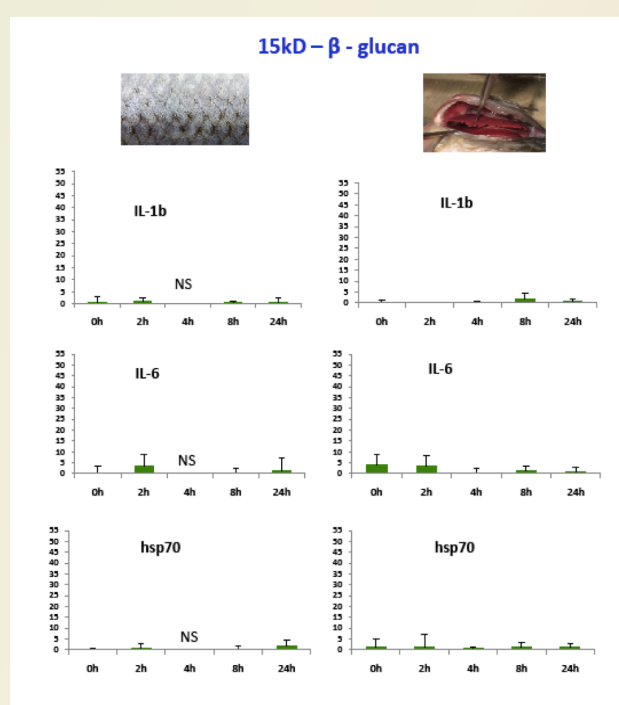


Fig. 1b Water - soluble unbranched 15kD β -glucan.

Expression of interleukin 1 β (IL-1 β), interleukin 6 (IL-6) and heat shock protein 70 (hsp70) in skin and gill collected from juvenile carps. Fish were immersed with soluble β -glucan (1 μ g/ml) for 0h, 2h, 4h, 8h and 24h. Results are obtained by RQ-PCR and expressed relative to control at each time point and corrected for 40S expression. NS – no samples.